

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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City Manager John Baumgartner

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Sunday in the Park

This Sunday, March 27, residents are invited to attend League City's first Sunday in the Park of the year from 12 to 4 p.m. at League Park. As part of League City's 60th anniversary milestone, we're celebrating one of the best decades ever, the 80's! Attendees can enjoy live music, games, food trucks, and a sneak peak of the upcoming performance of Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre's "Let's Glow Crazy! A Salute to the 80s." Teams of 2-4 are also invited to participate in an 80's themed trivia completion at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. This is a family-friendly event open to all ages.



Sunday in the Park

Salute to the 80s

Sunday, March 27
12 to 4 p.m.
League Park
512 2nd St.

As part of League City's 60th anniversary milestone, we're celebrating one of the best decades ever! **THE 80s**

- Live music and entertainment
- Trivia competition (teams of 4)
- 80s themed crafts, games, and swag
- Food trucks

Plus, a sneak peak of the upcoming performance of Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre's "Let's Glow Crazy! A Salute to the 80s" April 7-9 at the Bayou Theater | University of Houston - Clear Lake.



This week, members with the BAHBT and City Librarian Teresa Potter joined the Communications Department for a Facebook Lunch and Learn to talk about the event and all the exciting things you can expect if you attend. **Click above** to watch the video if you missed it.



Former Mayors Gather to Share Memories

As part of League City's 60th year anniversary celebration this year, the City's current and former mayors gathered on Thursday, March 24 to share stories of League City's growth, progress, and challenges over the last six decades. Joining Mayor Pat Hallisey were Joe Lamb, Jeff Harrison, Tim Paulissen, and Tommy Frankovich. Former mayors Toni Randall and Jerry Shults were unable to attend

and surviving family members and friends of Johnnie Arolfo and Leonard Cruse attended the breakfast as well. League City has had ten mayors since being incorporated with the state of Texas in 1962. Mayor Hallisey has served two stints as mayor. Once from 1994-95 and then again from 2016 to 2022. Hallisey has announced that he will not be running for another term this November.



Residents Honored for Service on City Committees & Boards

Members of the City's advisory boards, committees, and commissions were honored for their engagement and advisement to League City staff and council at a reception held on Tuesday, March 23. The dinner and program, hosted at the Civic Center, featured remarks by Mayor Pat Hallisey and City Manager John Baumgartner, as well as an interactive activity where the nearly 50 guests shared their thoughts on League City's future. With nearly 45 percent of the City's land yet to be developed, League City's current population of 116,000 is expected to double in the next 20 to 30 years.



League City has over a dozen boards, commissions, and committees made up of citizens appointed by the Mayor, and approved by Council, to volunteer their services for a one or two year term. Duties include attending monthly meetings, and advising staff on decisions regarding city projects, initiatives, and policies.

Residents interested in applying for open positions that expire in December of 2022 are encouraged to apply through an online application which opens in August. Appointments are confirmed by the mayor and council in December. For more information, visit <https://www.leaguecitytx.gov/2035/Interested-in-a-Board-or-Commission>

League City Fire Marshal Retires

After serving the City of League City for 22 years and a career of 47 years, League City Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Chief, Thomas 'Tommy' Cones, will be retiring. During his tenure with the City, he was instrumental in the design and construction of Fire Station 6 in the Hidden Lakes area, League City Fire Department obtaining an ISO 1 accreditation, and putting League City in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people participating in a Stop, Drop, and Roll demonstration.

"He has been an instrumental person in the development and expansion of the fire department," said Mayor Pat Hallisey. "Over the past 40 years, there's not a fire station in town that Tommy Cones didn't champion."



Apart from his public safety career, Chief Cones served on League City, City Council from 2001 – 2009 then again from 2014 – 2015. He currently serves as Commissioner Pct. #1 on the Galveston County Firefighters Association Executive Board and serves on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Arson Investigators Texas Chapter. The City of League City would like to thank him for his numerous contributions to the city and wish him a happy retirement.

Diseased and Dying Trees to be Removed from League Park

Two diseased and dying live oak trees located at League Park are scheduled to be removed the week of March 22 to ensure the safety of visitors to the park. The two trees, located near the caboose, playground, and the back parking lot of the park, are suffering from severe damage caused by woodboring beetles and Hypoxylon canker, a type of fungi. City Arborist Heather McKnight has been keeping an eye on the trees for the past several years, but both are now so severely damaged that their large branches are at risk of breaking off, which based on their proximity to the playground and parking lot at League Park, could cause injury to a park patron or damage to a vehicle.



League City has hired professional artist James Phillips to use the trunks of the two trees to create wood sculptures as part of League City's art initiative. Phillips has created wood sculptures throughout the Houston and Galveston area, including trees in Galveston that were destroyed during Hurricane Ike. You can learn more about him and his sculptures at <https://inshoresculpture.com/>.

Both trees, were planted in the early 1900's as part of J.C. League and Milby's Butler's efforts to beautify League City by bringing into two railcars of live oaks there were planted at League Park, along Main Street, and the streets surrounding the League City Historic District.

Public Safety Updates

Coffee with a Cop

Do you have questions about traffic laws, League City ordinances, or just legalities in general? Cupcake Cachet at 2800 Marina Bay Drive will be hosting League City Police Department for "Coffee with a Cop" at 9 a.m. next Wednesday, March 30. Come out and visit with officers and have a cup of coffee and maybe a cupcake.



Now Hiring

LCPD is accepting applications for Detention Officer positions. They are responsible for the supervision of inmates, property, and booking while working 12-hour shifts with 3 and 4 days off. Hourly rate starts at \$19.03. Click the link below and go to the "Other LCPD Jobs" tab. <http://www.leaguecity.com/577/LCPD-Jobs>



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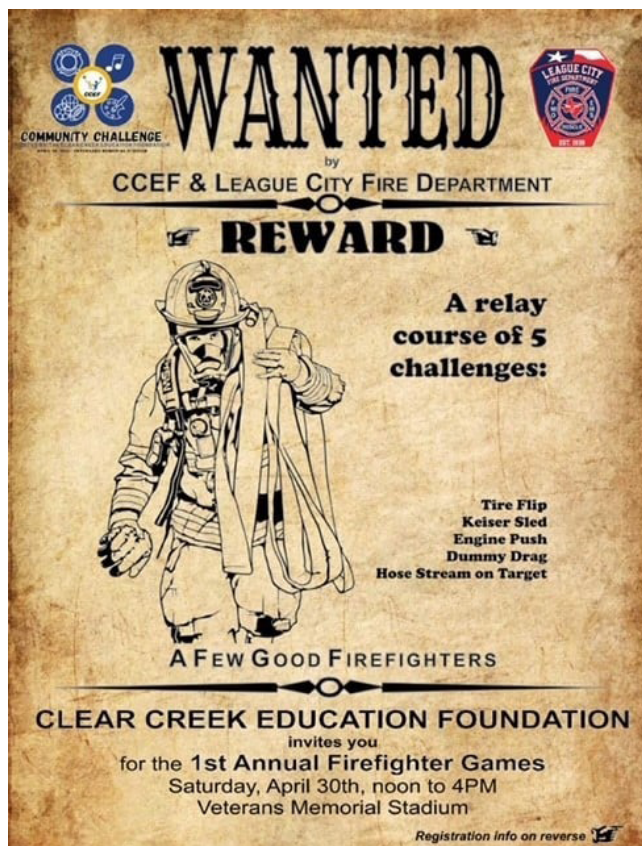
Stolen Bicycles Recovered

LCPD recently arrested a bicycle thief. He targeted the League City and Clear Lake areas focusing on high schools. The department has about 20 unclaimed bikes that they would like to return to the owners. If you had a bike

stolen from Nov. 2021 – Jan. 2022, contact Detective Evans at 281-554-1863.

Firefighter Games

The League City Volunteer Fire Department has teamed up with Clear Creek Education Foundation to be part of their first Community Challenge Event taking place on April 30. All fire departments within the Clear Creek ISD are invited to come take part in our League City's Firefighter Games! For more information, check out the [CCEF Community Challenge link](#).



Fire Dept. and EMS Aid Local ER

On Thursday afternoon, the League City Fire Department sent fire engines,



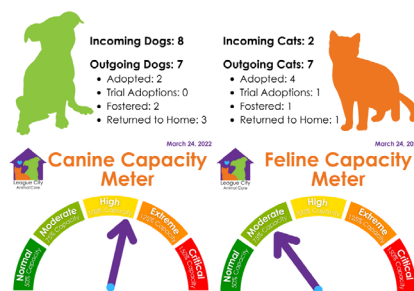
an ambulance and supervisors to assist a local free-standing emergency room air lift a patient to the medical center in Houston. Fire Department personnel set up a temporary landing zone for a Life Flight helicopter to land. Firefighters prepared to handle any safety issues and the ambulance prepared to move the patient from ER's room to the helicopter. The patient was suffering from a medical emergency that needed a higher level of care. The helicopter landed without issue, got the patient, and flew off to the designated hospital.

League City Animal Care

High Canine Kennel Capacity

League City Animal Care has moved from "Extreme" to "High" canine kennel capacity - meaning every single available kennel is taken, but they no longer require temporary kennels or crates thanks to residents who stepped up to foster or adopt. However, there are currently no available kennels to take in stray or urgent animals in need.

League City Animal Care Stats 3/23/22



Visit the [League City Animal Care website](#) to learn more about how you can assist.

Helen Hall Library Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

POP-UP STORYTIME

Join us at Fire Station 5 to hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy fire trucks!

Fri, April 1 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
For ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers

SATURDAY SAVINGS SERIES

Learn tips that help with your banking needs in the first program of the series, "You Can Bank On It."

Sat, April. 2 from 3 to 4 p.m.
For adults

TEEN ANIME CLUB

Join us to watch and discuss anime while eating snacks. Anime shows selected are rated PG-13 and TV-14.

Mon, April 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
For ages 12 to 18



OTHER HAPPENINGS

Wildlife Center of Texas: On Saturday, April 9, the Wildlife Center of Texas will present a program about native wildlife in our area and the rehabilitation work the center performs. The program goes from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join us!

A Tale of Derring-Do! The History Club is hosting Don Houk, a volunteer at the Lone Star Flight Museum, as he presents a "Living History" first-person account of the life of General James H. Doolittle on the 80th anniversary of his famous WWII raid. The program takes place on April 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Houston Audubon Bird-Friendly Spaces Discussion: Houston Audubon will present a Bird-Friendly Spaces discussion and exhibit at Helen Hall Library on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Parks and Recreation Updates

Tennis

Ages 5-15

**Mondays, Fridays or Saturdays
At Rustic Oaks Park**



**Sessions
April 4th - 30th
May 2nd - 28th**

**Once a week practice \$79 a session
Twice a week practice \$139 a session**

Karate

Wednesdays

March 30th - June 1

6-7 pm White and Yellow Belt

7-8pm Orange, Green, Blue, Purple and Red

8-9pm Adults (all belts)

Registration \$60



FOOD TRUCK *Fridays*

Join us for local food trucks, yard games, crafts, and more!



FREE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sign up begins @ 6pm
Tournament begins @ 7pm
1st place wins a Whataburger gift card!



Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside Pavilion
March 25, April 8 & May 13 at 6PM



WATER AEROBICS



CLASSES START MARCH 28TH

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

5PM AT HOMETOWN HEROES PARK

**REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP OR
DAILY DROP IN FEE**

Astronomy in the Park

Free Event - Open to the Public

Saturday April 2nd 7-9pm



At Rustic Oaks Park

EGG SCRAMBLE APRIL 10TH

Free Event

AT HOMETOWN HEROES PARK

**EGG HUNT, FACE PAINTING, KIDS ACTIVITIES
AND THE EASTER BUNNY**

ACTIVITIES START AT NOON



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281-554-1180**

or visit leaguecity.com/parks



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Public Works Updates

Public Works Department Head Retires after 25 Years of Service

League City Public Works is honored to celebrate the retirement of Christopher Svahn, Utility Line Repair



Superintendent. Mr. Svahn's exemplary service at League City spans 25 years with an additional 7 years of Utility experience at a neighboring city. Public Works and City staff wish him the absolute best in his and his family's next chapter.

New Odor Control Units for Lift Stations

The City's Capital Improvement Project for the addition of two new odor control systems at Hewitt Rd. and Tuscan Lakes 2 lift stations was completed. Startup and training have been performed by the manufactures along with city staff to ensure proper maintenance and operation. The Anua AiraHybrid™ multi-stage odor control system installed at Hewitt Rd. Lift station utilizes foamed glass



and shells to remove H₂S odors. The Vapex™ NANO radical odor control system installed at Tuscan Lakes 2 uses a patented technique that efficiently

and effectively creates a hydroxyl reactive fog that is disbursed throughout the entire airspace of the treatment area. With this system, the odorous air is not extracted, and the odors are treated at the same space where they are generated.

Asphalt Rejuvenator

Last week, a contractor for the Public Works Street Department installed an asphalt rejuvenator designed to increase the life span of existing asphalt roadways. This application was applied to various roadways using a pavement management program to identify the best qualified for this type of preventative maintenance. Multiple asphalt roadways were completed between Houston Ave. and Perkins Ave. Staff monitored the contractor to ensure proper installation of materials used for this application. Core samples were taken for the roadways before this preventive maintenance application was installed. In six weeks, core samples will be taken again to show how the product infiltrated the roadway.

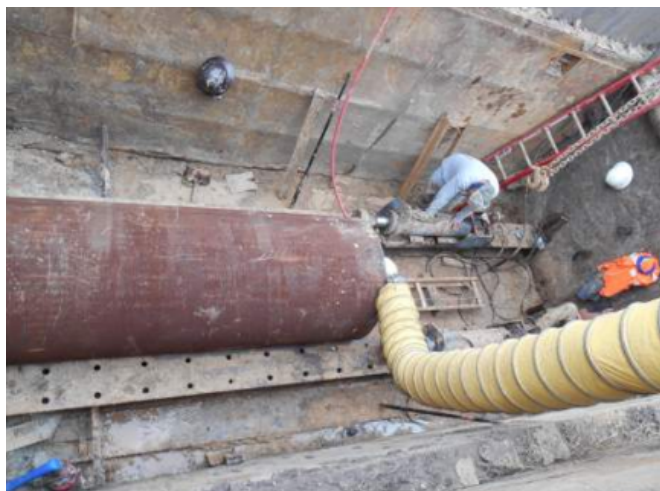


CIP Updates

Southeast Service Area Trunks (WT1105)

This project consists of installing a 24-inch waterline down FM646 from Dickinson Avenue to South Shore Boulevard, as well as up Tuscan Lakes Boulevard to FM646. To date, four of the five segments have been installed. This final segment will be installed from FM270 to South Shore Boulevard.

Construction is ongoing and approximately 2,500 linear feet of 24-inch waterline has been installed along FM646. In the upcoming weeks, construction will continue west, towards FM270. Construction is anticipated to be complete by July 2022, barring weather or unforeseen delays for completion.



Bore pit site location for 30-inch steel casing bore at FM 646



24-inch gate valve fabricated to 24-inch PVC pipe

36-Inch Water Transmission Main from SH3 to SSH Booster Pump Station (WT1109)

The proposed new water supply transmission line will install approximately 17,730 linear feet of new 36-inch diameter potable water pipeline. The line will provide an alternative connection from the City's surface water contractual take point at SH 3 Booster Pump Station to the South Shore Harbor Booster Pump Station that serves the eastside service area, providing a third crossing of Clear Creek, further improving City's system supply redundancy.

Due to large diameter Fusible PVC pipe material shortages, the City accepted ductile iron pipe as a substitution of pipe material in certain segments of the project. The City will continue to work with the fusible pipe provider and monitor the pipe market conditions.

Contractor has completed the installation of 1,800 linear feet of 36-inch pipe and 110 linear feet of 54-inch casing. Installation of pipe via open cut construction and through the 54-inch casing will continue in the Edgewater community in Webster. They anticipate working in Edgewater community for the next three to four weeks.



Construction of bore pit at Stone Crossing – station 39+43

CIP Updates

SSH 2MG & Alabama Elevated Storage Tank and Meadow Bend Ground Storage Tank (WT1802)

This project will rehab the South Shore Harbour Elevated Storage Tank (EST), the Alabama Elevated Storage Tank (EST), and the Meadow Bend Ground Storage Tank (GST). This rehab will include exterior coating, interior coating, structural inspections, and potential structural repairs. As part of the Annual Water System Improvement section of the CIP program, these tanks are prioritized for rehabilitation due to corrosion, mineral deposits, and equipment upgrades. Construction is estimated to be complete by December 26, 2022.

Main Street Waterline Replacement Project – SH 3 to I-45 (WT1904B)

This project will replace nearly one mile of existing 10-inch diameter waterline along the northwest side of FM518, from Interstate 45 to State Highway 3, with a new 12-inch diameter PVC waterline. The increase in diameter will provide additional capacity for future needs. This project is currently out for bid with the opening scheduled for March 30. Due to material and manufacturing delays, we are anticipating 3-4 months lead time for piping materials to be delivered once the contract is awarded in April. The majority of the project will be installed via trenchless construction which means that impacts to traffic will be minimized to a "rolling lane closure" as the contractor works from one end to the other. Staff and contractor will work closely with local businesses and residents to ensure proper notifications of service disruptions as well as coordination for service connections.

Main Street Waterline Replacement Project I-45 to Palamino Ln (WT1904C & E)

This project will replace nearly 1.5 miles of existing 10-inch waterline along FM518 from Interstate 45 to Palomino Lane. The line will be upgraded to a new 12-inch PVC waterline. The increase in diameter will provide additional capacity for future needs. Design is 100% complete and the project is ready for bid in April. Due to material and manufacturing delays, we are anticipating 3-4 months lead time for piping materials to be delivered once the contract is awarded in May. The majority of the project will be installed via trenchless construction which means that impacts to traffic will be minimized to a "rolling lane closure" as the contractor works from one end to the other.

Bayou Brae and Newport Waterline Replacements (WT1904D)

This project is part of the annual program to systematically replace aged waterlines throughout the City. This phase consisted of replacement and extension of approximately 17,300 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch waterlines within Bayou Brae and Newport subdivisions.

All items noted on the substantial completion punch list have been completed and verified by the City's inspection staff. All damaged residential driveways have been restored. Close-out of the project is in progress. This includes ensuring that the contractor provides all updated warranty documentation, construction as-builts, and final pay estimate.



Driveway restoration

CIP Updates

Dickinson Ave GST & Generator (WT1906)

This project consists of the demolition of the over 40-year-old 250,000-gallon bolted ground storage tank and replacement with a 400,000-gallon welded steel ground storage tank with a concrete ring wall foundation. A 450kW diesel generator including an automatic transfer switch will be added for emergency power for the well operation. Tank is installed and ready for operation using manual controls if needed. The generator has been installed and electrical connections should be complete within next two weeks. Some on-site modifications needed to be done to the generator platform, but they are now in place. City crews are in process of reconnecting motors and pumps for water distribution to the new tank. Crews are waiting on some of the controls for the automated control system. Completion and start-up is projected for end of March.

MUD 14-15 Lift Station Improvements (WW1206)

The scope of this project is the expansion and rehabilitation of the current lift station. After a delay on parts needed for the installation of the stilling well, the materials have finally been delivered. The stilling well should be installed by the end of this week. The final completion walkthrough will be scheduled once the stilling well has been inspected by the City.

State Highway 3 Lift Station Upgrade & Force Main Replacement Project (WW1801G)

This year's annual rehab project will replace an existing discharge brick manhole and approximately 310 linear feet of existing 10-inch Asbestos Concrete (AC) force main along SH3, between the discharge manhole and the existing lift station site at the intersection of SH3 and SH96. The existing lift station and wet well showed deteriorated conditions, warranting structural rehabilitation on both structures, to prolong the life of the infrastructure. The scope includes coating the interior of the wet well, replacing all existing piping, suction, and discharge equipment, installing new submersible pumps and controls. All existing piping is currently located inside the dry well section of the lift station. All new piping will be located above ground, thus eliminating confined space entry. New stainless-steel electrical panels, including a generator plug-in connection, will be included in the lift station upgrades.

Revisions of the 90% plans are anticipated to be submitted by the end of March. The City's Wastewater Department requested that certain components correlated with the SCADA system be revised to accommodate the lift station. These changes pushed the completion of the design plans back a couple of weeks. Once complete, plans will be resubmitted for an additional review by City personnel. Acquisition of a 10-foot sanitary sewer easement needed for the proposed force main is currently in progress. Pending City easement acquisition, construction is anticipated to bid May 2022.

Glenn Cove LS Dry Pit/Wet Well (WW1901D)

The Glen Cove Lift Station Conversion Project consist of structural modification of the existing dry/wet pit configuration to create a standard submersible lift station. The wet well will be coated and new pumps and piping, controls and electrical, hatches and safety grates, discharge piping and valves will be installed. The consultant will be submitting 90% plans this week for City review. Construction is anticipated to begin 3rd Quarter 2022.

CIP Updates

South Shore 1 & 2 Lift Station Improvements (WW1901C)

Our annual program systematically re-builds and rehabilitates older lift stations. These two lift stations were constructed in the early 1980's and are critical stations serving large areas. The lift stations have been subjected to flooding of dry pits during tropical weather events of the past where the complete function of the facility was lost until electrical, and pumps could be restored. Rehabilitation improvements will enhance operability, reliability, and safety.

After a March 23, 2021 award, the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was postponed due to an extremely long delay in delivery of material caused by the COVID pandemic. The NTP was issued on July 12, 2021, and the contractor mobilized on site shortly thereafter at lift station #1. Construction hit yet with another delay when the City was informed by Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) that the existing electrical transformers providing power to the lift station facility would need to be upgraded as part of on-going TNMP power system improvements. This has hindered the contractor from completing the initial scope. Staff has been working with TNMP to expedite electrical service upgrades to both lift station #1 and lift station #2 facilities. Construction is anticipated to be complete in July 2022, weather permitting.

Tuscan Lakes and Hewitt Road Odor Control Improvements (WW2001A & WW2001B)

The City of League City owns and operates two lift stations located along Hewitt Road: Hewitt Road Lift Station and Tuscan Lakes Lift Station. Hewitt Road LS is a general benefit lift station whereas Tuscan Lakes LS serves a neighborhood. Both lift stations were identified in the FY2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan to receive odor control systems. The City installed a Vapex air atomizing unit at the Tuscan Lift Station and an Anua hybrid unit at the Hewitt Lift Station.

Council awarded the construction contract to McDonald Municipal and Industrial, a division of C. F. McDonald Electric Inc, at the August 24, 2021 meeting. The contractor has completed construction and the substantial walk through was held on March 16. No significant items were found so a substantial completion letter will be issued from this date.

15" Willow Branch & 18" FM 518 Gravity Line Replacement (WW2101)

This project was identified in the 2018 Wastewater Master Plan and includes increasing the size of approximately 2,100 feet of existing 15-inch sanitary sewer along FM518 to 18-inch and increasing the size of approximately 1,800 feet of existing 12-inch sanitary sewer along Washington Street and Willow Branch Drive to 15-inch. The upsized gravity lines will properly convey existing and projected peak wastewater flows through the year 2037 and will help maintain regulatory compliance regarding sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). Our consultant has submitted 90% plans for City review.

DSWWTP SCADA Upgrade Project (WW2102)

Functional System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems are required to monitor, control, collect data and ultimately integrate the multitude of process functions throughout the many treatment components of a wastewater treatment facility. This project replaces and updates all software and hardware related to the fiber looped SCADA system that serves the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (DSWWTP). A consultant was contracted to provide engineering design and construction services for the upgrade of the SCADA system.

Final 100% plans are currently being routed for signatures through Engineering. Once the plans are signed a bid schedule will be issued. This project is anticipated to advertise for bids in early April 2022, receive bids in May, and award in June.

CIP Updates

Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant RAS Pump Improvements (WW2103)

The Return Activated Sludge (RAS) pump system at Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant plays a vital role in the wastewater treatment process by returning activated bacteria from treated sewage back to the treatment process to produce clean water. This system must be reliable and maintain peak performance. This project will provide modifications and replacement of the six existing horizontal end suction RAS pump, removal and replacement of associated suction and discharge piping, as well as replacement of the RAS pinch valve, including a maintenance bypass loop, used to control the RAS flow to the aeration basins.

This project is scheduled to advertise for bid on March 28, 2022, with an opening date of May 4.

Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant - Operations Building (WW2104)

The Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (DSWWTP) became active in the early 1980's and is the largest treatment facility in Galveston County, serving approximately 80% of League City's current service area. The original operations building at Dallas Salmon had numerous issues that were exacerbated during Hurricane Harvey and was demolished four years ago.

Quorum submitted design development plans and specifications on March 10 and a Development Review Committee meeting was held on March 21. Project Management is also reviewing the DD plans and will hold a review meeting the week of March 28. Quorum will then proceed to Construction Plan Development.